

**COMMENTS FROM COMMUNITY KEY SERVICES DIALOGUE
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What do you like best about Tucson? What would you most like to see improved about Tucson?

LIKES

- ACCESS – medical
- Animal Control Services
- Baseball
- Character
- City – neighborhood relations
- City parks, pools, walking
- Classes through Parks and Recreation
- College town
- Community facilities/services
- Culture and arts
- Cultural events
- Davis Monthan Air Force Base
- Desert setting
- Diversity of people
- Elderly community
- Food
- Gem show
- Good access to hiking
- Good neighbors
- Good University/not pretensions/friendly
- Health clinic at Freedom Park
- Level of activism
- Mount Lemmon
- Mountains
- Music under stars
- Neighborhood Association (coalitions)
- Outdoor activities
- Parks
- Parks – National/State
- Pop concerts
- Public outreach
- Relatively affordable/safe
- Sky
- Small town atmosphere
- Small town feeling
- University baseball and football
- Weather
- Zoo

IMPROVEMENTS

- Address sprawl issues
- A vital downtown
- Big City buses
- Communication between City departments
- Continuity of paving (full paving between 22nd Street and 29th Street on Swan)
- Dearth of International restaurants, especially Thai
- Downtown – look/friendliness/does not look-feel friendly
- East/west freeway
- Financial support for teachers
- Fix fewer plants
- Fix potholes
- Free fishing for youth
- Get away from nimby mentality
- Graffiti
- Identify walking paths
- More bus stops
- More clustered mixed use zoning and higher density
- More parkways like Aviation Highway
- More Police presence in neighborhoods
- Not as “walkable”
- Potholes
- Professionalism (elected officials)
- Public transit not on time and cost of transit
- Red light
- Roads
- Schools
- Speed cameras
- Street maintenance
- Transportation
- Trash along roads
- Turn arrows all same

What services would you like to maintain or cut? Why?

MAINTAIN

- All Housing and Human Services
- “All” services
- Beautification
- Civic Arts
- Elderly services at Freedom Park
- El Tour de Tucson
- Environmental programs
- Fire

- Fire and Police
- Gem Show
- Graffiti, removal
- Housing, Human Services
- Increase Neighborhood Resources
- KIDCO
- Maintain children's museums
- Maintain pro-neighborhoods
- Maintain swimming pools
- Maintain trash and recycling programs
- MTCVB
- Neighborhood Resources
- Nuisance reporting
- OCSD
- Parks
- Police – refocus
- Pools (stay same) (no further cuts)
- Programs for youth (to keep off street)
- Public transportation system (modify for efficiency)
- Recreation Centers or expand hours
- Schools and jobs
- Street maintenance
- Streets, Transportation
- Transit – refocus, too many, buses running with too few patrons
- Zoo, museums, Botanical Gardens, music under stars

CUT

- Consolidation of departments
- Cut seniority system – all pay increases based on merit
- Cut Support/General Services and fund Neighborhood Resources
- Cut 25% of City employees – except for Police and Fire
- Cut use of lights use at night when not in use
- Do look at prioritizing Arts/Culture
- Duplication of services between City and County
- Eliminate City Unions
- Housing of Human Services
- KIDCO
- Less Planning/Development
- Maintenance of Parks/medians using neighborhoods
- Mileage reimbursement
- More mixed use Planning/Development
- “No services”
- Police – redeploy officers to east side, increase enforcement of violent crime and serious property crime – less on victims, less crime, i.e., “tags on vehicles”
- Review importance of costs – revenue for item like TCC

- Size of buses
- Take vehicles and cell phones
- Trash pickup cut by one day a month

**What new resources, revenues or efficiencies should be pursued?
Explain.**

- Annex
- Attract businesses (move industry)
- Build collaborative relation with other jurisdictions and organizations to take advantage of funding opportunities
- Cable – revenues/fees on cable companies
- Change Charter to strong Mayor so that elected officials control the budget not the bureaucracy
- Consolidation of departments
- Cultural change in how neighborhoods are designed – including existing
- Development pay for impact fees before construction
- Efficiency for field crews (3 guys to fix pothole)
- Embrace the visioning effort, imagine greater Tucson
- Explore greater use with Federal funding opportunities
- Fair market value for buildings and rentals
- Greater collaboration w other jurisdictions to increase efficiency
- How to mitigate liability?
- Improve grant funding
- Increase fees for firearms
- Increase volunteers to provide services
- Levy tax (non-regressive tax on households > median)
- Look at revenues via “luxury” areas
- Look to how to more efficiently do trash pickup. Charge by bag
- New view of zoning laws
- No across the board taxes
- No new taxes
- Reevaluate transportation in City express service, light rail, bike paths, walkability, telecommute
- Solicit greater amount quantities/state shown revenues
- Tax on fast food containers
- Tax on junk mail
- Time to destination via on City buses
- Use prisoners for manual labor type activities
- Volunteer core for high school/college students

What services should we invest in for our community's future?

- Advertise when LEED systems used
- Aging infrastructure
- All parks

- Attract businesses (movie industry)
- Attract employers with free taxes, land, etcetera in order to create new jobs
- Attract high-paying jobs – tax incentives for businesses that do
- Attract sports venues
- Build up interest in downtown and increase housing opportunities for retirees – make Tucson a magnet for unconventional retirees
- Bus rapid transit
- Cluster development - more downtown housing
- Community friendly light rail (some objections)
- Development Green jobs – LEED systems
- Downtown hotel
- Education on Green (sustainable) lining
- Efficient Street systems
- Elderly programs
- Encourage “Green” business
- Environmental – solar, alternative energy
- Expand TCC use (big event)
- Improve downtown convention facilities, more hotel space, more business downtown
- Increase services for neighborhoods
- Invest in Davis Monthan
- Look to European transit system
- More affordable housing in center of City of Tucson More mixed use development everywhere
- Outer – loop freeway (some objections)
- Public transportation
- Resource centers for neighborhoods
- Roads (fix potholes)
- School system
- Support gem and mineral show
- Tourism
- Transportation
- Youth programs